

# *All – Island Quarry Safety Conference*

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# *Presentation Structure*

- Irish Concrete Federation – Who we are?



- Current Realities

- Health & Safety in Today's Quarry Sector

# ICF – Who We Are?

- Representative Body
  - Representative Role
  - Service Provision
- Funded by Industry
- Approximately 100 Members
- Council & 6 Committees



# *Current Realities*

- Continuous Growth through 90's and naughties (to 2007)
- 75% reduction in activity: 2007 – 2011
- Widespread Job Losses
- Pressure on Margins
- Pressure on People

# *Health & Safety in Quarries*

- Much Improved Performance
- Need to Maintain Commitment
- Need to Maintain Awareness
- Need to Maintain Standards
- Encouragement & Enforcement



# Challenges

- Survival is the Priority
- Less People with more Responsibilities
- Reduced Resources
- “Doom & Gloom”
- Impact on Standards



# *Leading Our industry*

- Assist Survival
- Reduce costs while maintaining standards
- Awareness, Knowledge, Communication, Training
- Co-Operation with Regulatory Authorities – Guides, Codes of Practice

Thank You

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